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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains a report on the following:

- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation.** Updates on 13 County-advocacy measures related to: 1) credit freezes for certain protected consumers; 2) permanent disability benefits; 3) the Right to Try Act; 4) identify theft protections for certain protected consumers; 5) banning State employee travel to certain states; 6) San Pedro Courthouse; 7) child welfare agencies access to sealed juvenile records; 8) authorizing a Jail Industry Authority; 9) electronic access to vital records; 10) all-mailed ballot elections with vote centers; 11) funding for pediatric trauma services; 12) injury leave for public safety employees; and 13) the rights of a deceased homeowner's surviving family members.
- **Status of Legislation of County Interest.** Updates on two measures of interest to the County related to: 1) powdered alcohol; and 2) synthetic cannabinoid compounds.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 1580 (Gatto), which as amended on June 21, 2016, would require a consumer credit reporting agency to place a credit freeze for certain protected consumers upon the request of a consumer's representative, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 79 to 0 on August 23, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

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County-opposed AB 1643 (Gonzalez), which as amended on March 16, 2016, would prohibit the use of certain gender-related characteristics in the calculation of permanent disability benefits, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 24 to 14 on August 22, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1668 (Calderon), which as amended on August 15, 2016, would establish the Right to Try Act to permit a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product or device to make the product available to eligible patients with a serious or immediately life-threatening disease, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 73 to 2 on August 23, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1723 (Dodd), which as amended on August 8, 2016, would require a debt collector to notify credit reporting agencies that a debtor's account is disputed and initiate a review within ten business days, if a debtor provides a police report and a written statement claiming identity theft, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 79 to 0 on August 22, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1887 (Low), which as amended on August 15, 2016, would ban State employees from travel to states with laws that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 45 to 18 on August 23, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1900 (Jones-Sawyer), which as amended on August 19, 2016, would declare the San Pedro Courthouse property available for disposal and sale by the State, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 39 to 0 on August 23, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendments.

County-supported AB 1945 (Stone), which as amended on August 19, 2016, would: 1) allow county child welfare agencies to access sealed juvenile records for the limited purpose of determining an appropriate placement or service of a minor or nonminor dependent that has been ordered by the dependency court; and 2) allow for the information contained in the sealed record and accessed by the child welfare worker or agency to be shared with the court, but require in all other respects to remain confidential and not be disseminated to any other person or agency, among other provisions, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 39 to 0 on August 23, 2016. This measure now returns to the Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendments.

County-supported AB 2012 (Bigelow), which as amended on August 15, 2016, would allow specified counties, including Los Angeles County, to authorize by ordinance or resolution, the sheriff to create a Jail Industry Authority, passed the Assembly, in concurrence of Senate amendments, by a vote of 79 to 0 on August 23, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 2636 (Linder), which as amended on August 16, 2016, would allow local governments to offer consumers the option to request copies of their vital records via a secure electronic identification process, passed the Assembly Floor, in concurrence of Senate amendments, by a vote of 61 to 0 on August 24, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 450 (Allen), which as amended on June 21, 2016, would provide all counties the option to conduct an all-mailed ballot election with vote centers, if certain conditions are satisfied and permit Los Angeles County to: 1) conduct an election utilizing vote centers beginning January 1, 2020; and 2) delay the County's transition to an all-mailed ballot election with vote centers until four years after the County conducts its first vote center election, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 42 to 28 on August 23, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate for concurrence in Assembly amendments.

County-supported SB 867 (Roth), which as amended on April 12, 2016, would extend, from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2027, the sunset date of Ritchie's Fund which authorizes counties to collect an additional penalty assessment on specified crimes to fund pediatric trauma services, was signed by the Governor on August 19, 2016. This measure is Chapter 147, Statutes of 2016, and it becomes effective January 1, 2017.

County-opposed SB 897 (Roth), which as amended on August 19, 2016, would grant an additional year of injury leave for public safety employees who receive a catastrophic injury at the hands of another while on duty, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 71 to 2 on August 22, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate for concurrence in Assembly amendments.

County-supported SB 1150 (Leno), which as amended on August 19, 2016, would clarify that Homeowners' Bill of Rights protections extend to a deceased homeowner's surviving family members, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 49 to 26 on August 22, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate for concurrence in Assembly amendments.

Legislation of County Interest

AB 1554 (Irwin), which as amended on June 29, 2016, would prohibit the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control from issuing a license to manufacture, distribute, or sell powdered alcohol. The measure also would prohibit the possession, purchase, sale, offer for sale, manufacture, distribution or use powdered alcohol, which is defined as alcohol that is prepared or sold in a powder or crystalline form and used as an alcoholic beverage when mixed with water or any other liquid. AB 1554 passed the Assembly Floor, in concurrence with Senate amendments, by a vote of 76 to 0 on August 22, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

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SB 1036 (Hernandez), which as introduced on February 12, 2016, would broaden the existing ban of synthetic cannabinoid compounds by prohibiting any chemical equivalent, which would be defined as a controlled substance analog, to prevent street chemists from circumventing drug laws by synthesizing drugs, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 78 to 0 on August 18, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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